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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Edinger, et al.

SERIAL NUMBER: 09/981,151

EXAMINER: Not Yet Assigned

FILING DATE: October 16, 2001

ART UNIT: 1642

FOR: Proteins and Nucleic Acids Encoding Same

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a five-month extension of time to respond to the November 14, 2001, Notice of Missing Parts in the above-identified application. With the five-month extension, this filing is due on or before June 14, 2002.

A check in the amount of \$1,960.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(5), is enclosed herewith. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21402-168 (Cura-468). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed. Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

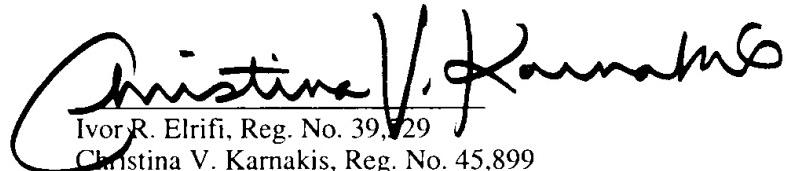
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